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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Tohru FUSHIKI et al.

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EXAMINER: TBA

FOR: ATHLETIC ENDURANCE INCREASING AGENT IN FOOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1 to 8, and add new claims as follows:

-- 9. A method of enhancing exercise endurance in a subject undertaking exercise comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a composition comprising (-)-hydroxycitric acid or a lactone form thereof, or a salt thereof, as active ingredient.

10. A method of enhancing exercise endurance in a subject undertaking exercise comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of